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APPLICANT: Dagnachew Birru  
SERIAL NO.: 09/829,788 EXAMINER: Ted M. Wang  
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FOR: TWO STAGE EQUALIZER FOR TRELLIS CODED SYSTEMS

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2004, please amend the application as follows: